

In regards to the FCC's "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" 05-311 on "video franchising":

I would like to comment that the Cable Franchise Fee mechanism, which is used to fund Public Education and Government TV, is vital support for allowing people's diverse voices to be heard on television.

Freedom of speech is essential to democracy. Television is a powerful medium through which people get much of their information about their communities, their county, and their world.

If democracy is government by the people, we need to keep in tact the cable franchise fee mechanism that allows people, not just commercial interests, access to televised communication.

Thank you,
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